

"Signal Stealing Will Make Trouble, If Proof Can Be Obtained"---Cobb

Eddie Foster Leading Griffmen With Stick

Ty Cobb Continues to Stay at Head of League With a Mark of .410—Georgian Is Also Best Base Stealer in Circuit.

Eliminating Tommy Connolly, who has yet to appear in at least fifteen games, Eddie Foster is leading the Griffmen with the bat, his mark being .281. The midget third sacker is improving rapidly in his hitting, the same being true of Hank Shanks, Morgan, and Gandil. It is this quartet which has been responsible for the recent spurt of the Nationals.

Ty Cobb, of course, is the murderous mauler out in front with an average of .410, fifty-seven points ahead of Joe Jackson, the nearest competitor. Unless the Georgia jewel slumps frightfully, he should establish a wonderful record this season and practically win the pennant all by himself.

As further evidence of the greatness of the Tiger outfielder, just note that he is leading the hitters in the league, also is the best base stealer, the leading run-getter and the longest hitter in the circuit. What more can you expect of any one man?

The Griffmen are fifth in club fielding, and absolutely last in club batting. Moeller is the lone National among the best base thieves in the circuit, and the club has no representative among the rungetters or the sluggers.

Doc Ayers, with two victories in three games, leads the Griffmen on the mound, though Walter Johnson is the real leader with seven victories in twelve contests.

Batting Averages.
Records of all players who have played in fifteen or more games, including Wednesday, June 9, 1915:

Players—Clubs. G. AB. R. H. BB. S.B. A.V.
Cobb, Det. 29 150 22 63 1 1 .383
Jackson, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Thompson, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Fournier, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
F. Daly, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Veach, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Crawford, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Lajoie, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Kavanaugh, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Chapman, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Turner, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Strunk, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Rogers, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Maisei, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
E. Collins, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Lewis, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
McInnes, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Roth, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
B. Foster, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Shotten, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Graney, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Lehold, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Felch, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Hartnell, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
J. Collins, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Oldring, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Wambach, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
McKee, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Pratt, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Ladd, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Lear, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
A. Williams, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Pipp, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Speaker, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Schang, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
SHANKS, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Weaver, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Schalla, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
C. Thomas, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Kaufman, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Kopf, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Baker, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Smith, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Hobbs, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
C. Walker, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
MORGAN, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Boone, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
MILAN, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Janvin, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Austin, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Jacobson, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
E. Murphy, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Wagner, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Davies, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
G. Williams, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Barry, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Scott, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
McAvoy, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Barbare, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Young, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Briel, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
J. Walsh, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
MOELLER, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
E. Walker, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
High, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Nelson, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Vitt, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Quinn, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
ACOSTA, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
LAVELLE, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
GANDIL, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Cree, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
O'DRISCOLL, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
O. Bush, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
W. Wood, Cle. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
HENRY, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Henricksen, Bos. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Fickling, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Dubie, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Wellman, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
JOHNSON, W. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Dauss, Det. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Faber, Chi. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Howard, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Severald, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
McNeely, N.Y. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Wyckoff, Ath. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345
Laudm, St. L. 29 149 28 48 0 0 .345

Long Hits By Clubs.

Clubs. 2B. 3B. H.R. T.B. G.A.V.
Detroit 55 8 1 62 3.367
Chicago 58 6 1 65 3.384
Cleveland 44 28 3 75 3.492
Athletics 66 13 6 85 3.519
Boston 52 7 2 61 3.316
New York 45 16 8 69 3.404
WASHINGTON 28 7 3 38 1.293
St. Louis 48 17 8 73 3.425

Leading Ten Sluggers.

Player—Club. 2B. 3B. H.R. T.B. G.A.V.
Cobb, Det. 9 5 2 96 .555
Fournier, Chi. 9 5 2 96 .555
Jackson, Cle. 9 5 2 96 .555
Crawford, Det. 10 10 0 20 .476
Oldring, Ath. 12 2 4 17 .466
Kavanaugh, Det. 8 4 1 13 .367
Veach, Det. 15 4 0 19 .448
Graney, Cle. 13 6 0 19 .430
Lewis, Bos. 12 6 0 18 .429
J. Collins, Chi. 11 7 0 18 .410

Pitchers' Records.

Record of pitchers, including June 9, 1915:

Pitchers—Club. G. W. L. SO. BB. H. A. V.
Leverenz, St. L. 1 0 0 0 0 1.000
Boehrer, Det. 2 1 0 0 2 1.000
Harstad, Cle. 2 1 0 0 2 1.000
Faber, Chi. 10 6 1 22 14 63 .838
Fisher, N.Y. 9 7 2 36 27 80 .768
Dauss, Det. 10 10 2 45 27 71 .718
Wood, Bos. 6 8 3 23 14 41 .750
O'Driscoll, Det. 12 7 3 46 26 70 .700
Scott, Chi. 13 6 3 34 25 62 .667
Leonard, Bos. 4 2 1 11 6 22 .667
Perryman, St. L. 4 2 1 11 6 22 .667
Caldwell, N.Y. 10 6 4 37 24 73 .600
GALLIA, W. 10 6 4 37 24 73 .600
Mays, Bos. 18 3 7 62 19 87 .583
W. JOHNSON, W. 13 7 6 52 19 87 .583
Dubuc, Det. 14 3 3 30 20 54 .643
Shore, Bos. 10 4 3 29 16 66 .571
GALLIA, W. 10 4 3 29 16 66 .571
Boland, Det. 13 4 2 23 19 62 .500
Cavett, Det. 8 2 2 11 16 63 .500
Haleski, St. L. 1 0 1 1 13 .500
S. Jones, Cle. 10 1 1 10 13 .500
Wellman, St. L. 17 6 7 61 28 49 .482
Shawkey, Ath. 18 6 6 50 33 45 .456
W. James, St. L. 12 6 6 50 33 45 .456
Wyckoff, Ath. 17 3 4 13 57 429
McAle, N.Y. 7 3 4 13 57 429
James, St. L. 12 6 6 50 33 45 .456
Hagerman, Cle. 9 3 2 18 34 470
Haleski, St. L. 12 6 6 50 33 45 .456
Pennock, Bos. 12 3 3 26 32 .303
Warhop, N.Y. 7 2 4 16 20 63 .333
Ruth, Bos. 12 4 2 24 28 33 .333
Haleski, St. L. 12 4 2 24 28 33 .333
Cicotte, Chi. 13 2 4 22 17 .333
Davies, Ath. 8 1 2 3 10 .333
Wolfgang, W. 12 2 10 44 .300
Walker, Cle. 8 1 2 20 22 .333
Bresler, Ath. 12 1 3 27 46 .333
Lester, St. L. 12 1 3 27 46 .333
Steen, Det. 11 1 4 22 16 .273
Keating, N.Y. 7 1 6 22 32 .47 .187
Donnan, N.Y. 1 0 0 6 32 45 .143
BENTLEY, W. 3 0 1 2 5 .000
Jasper, Chi. 3 0 1 14 9 .000
Brown, St. L. 3 0 1 14 9 .000
Davis, Ath. 3 0 1 14 9 .000
Baumgardner, St. L. 7 0 2 6 11 .290
Fletcher, St. L. 7 0 2 6 11 .290
R. Collins, Bos. 9 0 4 19 24 .000
Oldham, Det. 1 0 0 2 0 .000
Henness, St. L. 2 0 0 8 0 .000
Cottrell, N.Y. 3 0 0 6 22 .000
HOPPER, W. 4 0 0 6 4 .000
ENGEL, W. 4 0 0 6 4 .000

Club Fielding Records.

Clubs. G. AB. R. H. BB. S.B. A.V.
Detroit 51 1,364 724 69 1,723 .968
New York 42 1,123 541 69 1,723 .968
Chicago 42 1,123 541 69 1,723 .968
Boston 42 1,123 541 69 1,723 .968
WASHINGTON 40 1,060 524 61 1,645 .963
Cleveland 43 1,151 594 79 1,834 .967
St. Louis 47 1,340 607 89 1,845 .968
Athletics 46 1,231 558 100 1,887 .947

Double Plays.

Cleveland, 14; St. Louis, 60; WASHINGTON, 27; Athletics, 26; Detroit, 25; Chicago, 27; New York, 23; Boston, 25.

Triple Play.

Cleveland, 1 vs. New York—Wood and Chapman.

Passed Balls.

Cleveland, 4; Athletics, 11; Chicago, 5; Detroit, 5; WASHINGTON, 6; St. Louis, 9; New York, 3; Boston, 4.

Leading Ten Base Stealers.

Players—Clubs. G. S.B. Ave.
Cobb, Det. 42 32 .463
Cook, N.Y. 42 32 .463
High, N.Y. 23 11 .478
Maisei, N.Y. 42 19 .452
Shotten, St. L. 42 17 .405
E. Collins, Chi. 47 13 .277
G. Williams, St. L. 37 19 .271
Chapman, Cle. 43 26 .605
MOELLER, W. 25 9 .360
Speaker, Bos. 38 9 .237

Leading Ten Run Getters.

Players—Clubs. G. R. Ave.
Cobb, Det. 51 96 1.10
E. Collins, Chi. 47 42 .89
Roth, Chi. 39 32 .82
Vitt, Det. 51 35 .68
Oldring, Ath. 37 23 .62
Fournier, Chi. 43 26 .61
Crawford, Det. 51 28 .55
Veach, Det. 49 27 .55

Club Batting Records.

Clubs. G. TB. R. H. S.B. A.V.
Detroit 51 1,620 235 427 73 .362
Chicago 41 1,315 259 362 63 .259
Cleveland 42 1,420 160 365 46 .256
Athletics 46 1,530 145 372 37 .246
Boston 40 1,333 144 313 34 .231

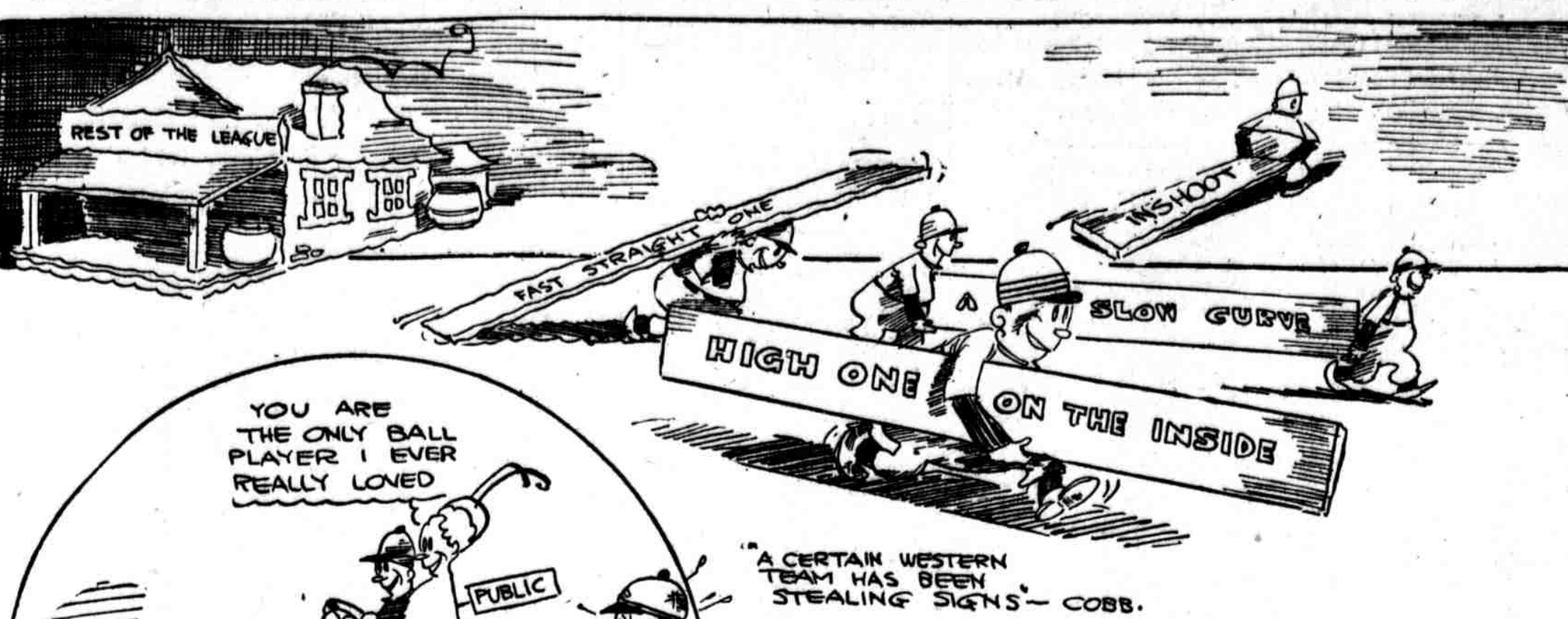
Cricketers Practice

At Potomac Park Today

Capt. James S. Cannon, of the Washington Cricket Club, will name the team that is to oppose the strong sons of St. George eleven, of Baltimore, tomorrow, from the players that show best in the practice this afternoon at Potomac Park.

Captain Cannon will pick his men from the following: Warren, De Motte, Williams, Roberts, Miller, Branch, Sousa, Jr., Sousa, Jr., Cannon, Groom, Eiler, Fitzgerald, Shousmith, Rhodes, Featherstone, Leckey or others who show well today.

"BUGS" BAER DECODES TY COBB'S THIRD NOTE ON BASEBALL POLICY



TY COBB SAYS—Almost every Tiger will swear that certain club is stealing signs on home grounds—Elated at success

By TY COBB, Champion All-Around Player.

Battery signal stealing, which has been the cause of several scandals in big league baseball, threatens to make more trouble this season if anyone is able to prove what is generally suspected about one of the American League clubs.

I will not mention the name of the organization which has been accused by the opposing players of "getting 'em," as they say, because I couldn't present any proof that our suspicions are well grounded. It looks mighty funny, though, the way this club could hit at home and the feeble manner in which it has been swatting on the road, and almost all of the Tigers will take an oath that something out of the way is coming off.

The team I have in mind has won almost all of its home games this year, making a phenomenal showing on one long stand, but it has proved easy for several opponents on the road. Hard batting has been the chief factor in its numerous local victories. Men who haven't any license to be anything except mediocre stickers have been stepping into the ball like Bakers, Crawford, and Lajoie. Fellows who always were notoriously weak against good curve ball pitching have taken a toehold and belted the "hooks" of the best hurlers to all corners of the lot; while some of those who used to be all "crossed up" whenever they faced a pitcher with any head on his shoulders have almost invariably picked out the right ball to lam.

Changed signals frequently.

Now all this has happened at home, mind you. As soon as these suddenly developed sluggers have hit the trail, where no sign stealing is possible, they have had the most startling relapses. Some of them have been lucky to get a hard foul on foreign grounds. Of course, we all have our batting slumps, and there are days when the best hitters in the world will look "like suckers," as we say. But such slumps are apt to come either at home or abroad. Some of the worst I ever have encountered have struck me during long sojourns in Detroit. Sometimes I am inclined to believe that I bet better on the road than I do at Navin Field straight through the season.

If it can be proved that this club was talking about really stealing the signs, there will be a nasty fuss in the league, for it is unfair to put anything like that across, and the managers who have tried it, have come to grief sooner or later. I know for a fact that the present leader of this club has made a habit of getting the opponents' battery signs in the minors. In fact, he owed much of his success as a "bush league" boss to his ability to grab them.

When the Tigers last played against this club, we were suspicious that something was going on and we changed our signals every two or three innings. The result was that the men who had been knocking down the fences against other teams are able to do very little with our pitchers except one day when a young catcher, who is inclined to leave his dire "ions to the moundman in plain view of the public, was working. This confirmed our belief that there was something wrong. Forewarned is forearmed, of course, and the next time we faced this club, it will have a mighty tough time learning anything through the old spy glass or whatever may be used to get signals with.

Signal stealing is not only unfair, but it is dangerous as well. A player who depends on the tipping bureau to wise him up to what is coming doesn't take care to protect himself and some day he is going to get ready to step into a curve and get a fast one right on the "bean," for the tipsters go wrong now and then. Men have been very badly hurt in just this manner, and sooner or later somebody will be killed if managers persist in trying to put things like this over. Any man who faces fast pitching must be constantly on the alert to dodge a wild one, and the fellow who blindly trusts to some tip that has been obtained unfairly is just taking a chance on committing suicide.

I do not know how the signals are being stolen this year, but I suppose the old system of having somebody with good field glasses either out at the scoreboard or somewhere else directly back of dead center field is being followed. A man with a powerful pair of binoculars can easily read the signs at a distance of 60 feet or more, and there are numerous ways of flashing them to the batter. Some seasons ago, when the New York Americans were pilfering the signs, they gave the batter his information by means of the crossbar of the letter "M" in one of the advertising signs. When a fast ball was coming, a piece of this crossbar would be moved a certain way, while the sign for a curve was something else of the same general character.

If the manager of the club that I firmly believe is trying to get away with this stuff this year is wise, he will cut it out before he is caught with the goods. Baseball cannot afford to countenance anything of this sort. The game is too big for petty larceny.

Naturally, we Tigers are feeling very much elated over our work in the East. New York was a veritable lunch for us, and we did as well as we had expected to do against Boston, which is a club that always has been troublesome. Our pitchers were in wonderful form against Donovan's club, and we should have won five straight. Dubuc, who was beaten in the final contest, deserved a shutout, a couple of un-lucky breaks due to Veach's unfamiliarity with the bad sun-field at the Polo Grounds, being responsible for all of New York's runs.

Donovan's outfit did not impress me very favorably in the series. It is a strong defensive club, with a fast infield and lots of pitching strength, but it doesn't seem to be able to do a thing with the old halberd. The hurlers will have to work shutouts three or four times a week in order to make the

Washington steady winners unless their hitting takes a big brace.

The White Sox, who burned up things at home, have not been doing so well on the road, and the Tigers are confident of being in front of them when they return to Navin field next Sunday. We expected to gain on Rowland's men as soon as we got East, and we have not been disappointed. I believe that the Sox have dropped off in hitting to such an extent that they will not be able to give Detroit and Boston a real fight for the pennant.

There are several among the Rowland clan who won't hit at all about the time the pitchers get a second look at them. Some of these fellows already have been "discovered," but there are others who continue to fool the fans until the moundman have had a little more time to study them.

Boston seems to be coming along. Its pitching is exceptionally good and its batsmen are getting ready to take turns on the hill when he may be needed. If the former Clevelanders can come back and have a year like his one big season in the Forest City, there will be little doubt who will win the pennant. Add another pitcher of the Gregg pattern to the already formidable Red Sox staff, and you will about break the race, for few clubs will be able to make more than one or two runs against the Carrigans, while Boston will be able to produce enough to win for such slingers without half trying.

Washington seems to have come to life a little lately. If the weather doesn't get too hot in the National Capital, Griff's people are likely to gain some ground before we have I seen such a can't see the club as a pennant possibility, but it is almost a sure first division finisher and a trouble-maker for anyone who is trying to grab the buckle. Cleveland, St. Louis and Philadelphia are comfortably established in the second division, and it is a pretty good merry fight for the last three places. The Athletics are always to be feared at that because they can hit, while Ricker has a couple of pitchers who are likely to bother anybody, and the Indians have one tough bird in Mortin.

Probably the most extraordinary demonstration of the power of personality in the history of baseball took place in Detroit when the Tigers and New York jumped back there a week ago yesterday to play off a postponed game. Never before have I seen such an ovation given a hostile player as the 15,000 fans tendered "Wild Bill" Donovan, the New York manager, when he went to the slab to pitch the first major league game he had attempted in three years.

Those people just went mad, yelling and clapping and calling out good wishes to Bill as though he had been the leader of a pennant-winning home team instead of the boss of an invading army. I honestly believe that the crowd was practically unanimous in hoping that Donovan would win his game. For once, they rooted against the Tigers, and we didn't mind a bit, though we needed that game.

This was, of course, a personal tribute

Has Four Homers

"Shano" Collins, the White Sox outfielder, leads the American League so far with home run drives. Four times has he come up and walloped out a circuit slam.

Sam Crawford's ten triples give him leadership in that section, Jacques Fournier being second with one less, and Paddy Roth third, with eight.

Bobby Veach's fifteen doubles give him first place for the two-base knockers. Jack Graney is second with thirteen, and Oldring third with an even dozen.

to "Wild Bill." The home fans were not particularly interested in the success of the New York club nor its manager in his official capacity, but they did want to see a good fellow make a success of his "come back" job. Donovan, in all the years he pitched for the Tigers, made thousands of friends and not a single enemy. He always had that smile, win or lose. Nothing could upset his poise. He gave the best he had all the time and, if things didn't go right, took what fate chose to send. On and off the field, he was—and is—a gentleman.

As a rule, the fans are a fickle lot. In their eyes, you are a hero one minute when you hit one with the bases filled, and a "piece of cheese" the next because you fall down on an almost impossible fielding chance or fail to wallop a homerun out of Johnson. There are few players who have been able to establish themselves so firmly in the affections of the patrons that they never can be forgotten. Such a man is Donovan. As long as any of the present generation of fans remain, he will be remembered in Detroit. In time, New Yorkers will know and like him just as well, too. He hasn't the best ball club in the world now, but he has a chance in some respects, but if he is given a chance and the fans have patience, he will deliver eventually sure as shooting. (Copyright, 1915, by Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

Gilmore's Great Catch Wins Game for Opponents

KANSAS CITY, June 12.—It seldom falls to the lot of one ball player to execute two plays so notable as those recorded by Gilmore, right fielder of the Kansas City Federals. This namesake of the legendary talkative president gained nation-wide fame in Brooklyn last summer when he stole second with the bases full, a feat never performed by Ty Cobb in all his eight seasons.

In the ninth inning of yesterday's game a Chicago runner reached third base. A long foul was raised. Gilmore judged it perfectly after a hard run, arched his arms gracefully and made a beautiful catch—thereby allowing the winning run to score for Chicago.

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